

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A retail system comprising:
an advance ordering system for enabling a customer to order a purchase in advance,
at least one storage facility for storing goods available for ordering, and
multiple purchase obtaining facilities remote with respect to the storage facility, for
enabling the customer to obtain the ordered purchase delivered from the storage facility after
receiving an order for the purchase from the customer,

the purchase obtaining facilities include at least one drive-through purchase obtaining
facility for enabling the customer in a vehicle to pick up the ordered purchase delivered to the
vehicle,

the drive-through purchase obtaining facility including:

multiple pick-up stations, each of the pick-up stations being arranged for enabling
the customer in the vehicle to pick up the ordered purchase delivered to the vehicle, and
a control station responsive to identification (ID) data provided by the customer
for automatically assigning a pick-up station of the multiple pick-up stations to the
customer.

2. (Original) The retail system of claim 1, wherein the drive-through purchase
obtaining facility where the ordered purchase is picked up is remote with respect to a location for
placing the order.

3. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1, wherein the control station is configured for assigning the pick-up station for obtaining the purchase ordered before the customer arrives at the purchase obtaining facility ~~the drive-through purchase obtaining facility comprises multiple pick-up stations, each of the pick-up stations being arranged for enabling the customer in the vehicle to pick up the ordered purchase delivered to the vehicle.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1 [[3]], wherein the ID data identifies the customer ~~the drive-through purchase obtaining facility further comprises a control station responsive to identification (ID) data identifying the customer for automatically assigning a pick-up station of the multiple pick-up stations to the customer.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1 [[4]], wherein the ID data provides information on the placed order ~~purchase ordered by the customer.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1 [[5]], wherein the drive-through purchase obtaining facility further comprises a service facility for handling purchases delivered from the storage facility.

7. (Original) The retail system of claim 6, wherein the control station is responsive to the ID data of the customer for providing the service facility with a request to deliver the ordered purchase to the pick-up station assigned to the customer.

8. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1 [[4]], wherein the control station enables the customer to enter the drive-through purchase obtaining facility only after the customer is identified.

9. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1 [[4]], wherein the drive-through purchase obtaining facility further comprises at least one check-out station for enabling the customer to check out the ordered purchase without leaving the vehicle.

10. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1 [[9]], wherein the pick-up station is released from being assigned to the customer after the ordered purchase is obtained ~~checked-out~~.

11. (Previously Amended) The retail system of claim 9, wherein the check-out station enables the customer to exit the drive-through purchase obtaining facility only after the ordered purchase is checked out.

12. (Currently Amended) The retail system of claim 1 [[4]], wherein the pick-up station includes a check-out arrangement for enabling the customer to automatically check out the ordered purchase.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of selling goods, comprising the steps of:
storing the goods available for sale in a storage facility,
enabling a customer to order a purchase,
providing a drive-through purchase obtaining facility remote with respect to the storage facility and having multiple pick-up stations, each arranged for enabling the customer in a vehicle to pick up the ordered purchase delivered to the vehicle, and
automatically assigning to the customer one of said multiple pick-up stations in response to information provided by the customer when the customer arrives at the drive-through purchase obtaining facility.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said one of the multiple pick-up stations is assigned to the customer in response to ID data identifying the customer.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein a request to deliver the ordered purchase to the assigned one of the multiple pick-up stations is generated simultaneously with assigning said one of the multiple pick-up stations.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said one of the multiple pick-up stations is assigned to the customer in response to ID data identifying the ordered purchase.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein a request to deliver the ordered purchase to the assigned one of the multiple pick-up stations is generated simultaneously with assigning said one of the multiple pick-up stations.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of enabling the customer to check out the ordered purchase without leaving the vehicle.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 [[19]], further comprising the step of releasing the pick-up station from being assigned to the customer after the ordered purchase is obtained ~~checked out~~.

21. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of enabling the customer to automatically check out the ordered purchase at said one of the multiple pick-up stations.

22. (Currently Amended) A drive-through retail facility for enabling a customer in a vehicle to make a purchase without leaving the vehicle, the retail facility comprising multiple purchase pick-up stations, and an assignment arrangement for automatically assigning one of the multiple pick-up stations to the customer in response to ID information provided by the customer.

23. (Original) The facility of claim 22, wherein the pick-up stations enable the customer to obtain the purchase ordered in advance from a remote location.

24. (Currently Amended) The facility of claim 22 ~~[[23]]~~, wherein said assignment arrangement is configured to one of the multiple pick-up stations is automatically assign said one of the multiple pick-up stations ~~assigned~~ to the customer in response to ID data identifying the ordered purchase.

25. (New) The facility of claim 22, wherein said assignment arrangement is configured to automatically assign said one of the multiple pick-up stations to the customer in response to ID data identifying the customer.

26. (New) The facility of claim 22, wherein said assignment arrangement is configured to release said one of the multiple pick-up stations from being assigned to the customer when the customer obtains the purchase.